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**INTERVERTEBRAL DISC IMPLANTS AND METHOD**

*(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

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I acknowledge and hereby disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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**U.S. Parent Application or PCT Number**

09/650,525

**Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)**

08/30/2000

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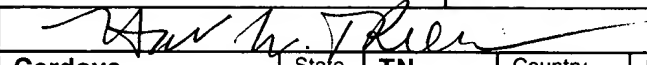
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